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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA: FIRST COMITE ADOPTS DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
STRNGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

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1. ON DECEMBER 10, THE FIRST COMITE ADOPTED, BY A VOTE
OF 103-1 WITH 16 ABSTENTIONS, THE NON-ALIGNED DRAFT RES
(A/C.1/31/L42), ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY. PREAMBULAR PARA 5 WAS AMENDED (SEE BELOW) IN
A COMPROMISE NEGOTIATION WITH THE CO-SPONSORS OF THE
COMMUNIST DRAFT RES. (A/C1./31/L43) WHICH LED TO THE
WITHDRAWAL OF THE LATTER DRAFT.

2. THE US CAST THE SOLE NEGATIVE VOTE. ABSTENTIONS WERE
CAST BY AUSTRALIA, CANADA, THE EC-9 (EXCEPT LUXEMBOURG
WHICH WAS NOT PRESENT), ICELAND, ISRAEL, JAPAN, NORWAY,
PORTUGAL AND TURKEY.

3. DURING A 15-MINUTE RECESS, THE CO-SPONSORS OF THE
NON-ALIGNED AND COMMUNIST RESOLUTIONS HELD CONSULTATIONS
TO WORK OUT A COMPROMISE FORMULA ON PREAMBULAR PARA 5 OF
RES L/42. MALTA, ON BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED
CO-SPONSORS, ANNOUNCED THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING
REVISED TEXT, THE FIRST PART OF WHICH IS DRAWN FROM THE
CSCE FINAL ACT: "NOTING THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE
CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE,
EMPHASIZING THAT THE SECURITY OF EUROPE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF WORLD SECURITY AND IS CLOSELY
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INTERRELATED IN PARTICULAR TO THE SECURITY OF THE

MEDITERRANEAN, THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD, AND EXPRESSING ITS CONVICTION THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THAT CONFERENCE THROUGH AGREED MEANS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY", POLAND THEN WITHDREW THE COMMUNIST RESOLUTION.

4. USDEL GAVE EXPLANATION OF VOTE AS DATAFAXED TO DEPARTMENT ON DECEMBER 9. ZAMBIA STATED ITS RESERVATIONS REGARDING THE EUROCENTRIC ORIENTATION OF REVISED PREAMBULAR PARA 5. PAKISTAN EXPRESSED ITS VIEW THAT OPERATIVE PARA 6 WAS INADEQUATE SINCE IT MADE NO REFERENCE TO ONGOING UNGA EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONES IN A NUMBER OF REGIONS. AUSTRIA AND PORTUGAL OUTLINED THEIR CONCERNS REGARDING A MEDITERRANEAN ZONE OF PEACE. FINALLY, ALBANIA EXPLAINED THAT ITS NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE VOTE WAS BASED ON ITS OBJECTION TO THE REFERENCE TO THE CSCE FINAL ACT.

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